

Behaviour in the Library

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The following rules must be respected for the comfort and safety of all Sylvan Lake Municipal Library users and staff. Violating these rules may suspend or restrict library privileges, including banning from library premises. Criminal offences may result in prosecution. All patrons must adhere to Library OHS Policies.

I. SYLVAN LAKE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY PROGRAMS

A. Animals

1. Only registered assistance animals or those approved by the Director are allowed in the library.

B. Phones and Other Devices

1. Personal electronic devices must be used in a manner that does not disturb others.

C. Clothing

1. Upper and lower-body clothing and footwear must be worn in the library.

D. Disruptive behaviour and language

- 1. Behaviour that interferes with any person's comfort or use of the library is not allowed.
- 2. Threatening, abusive, harassing language or behaviour toward staff or other users is prohibited.
- 3. No person shall beg or sell services, goods, or merchandise.
- 4. No person shall distribute or post materials without permission from library staff.
- 5. No person shall traffic in, consume, or appear under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs and substances.
- 6. Consumption of alcohol will be limited to licensed library events.

E. Food and drink



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1. Patrons who consume food and beverages on library premises may be held liable and accountable for any damage, repair, or additional expense incurred because of this activity.

F. Public Internet use

1. Use of the Internet for criminal activity is not allowed.

G. Sports equipment

- 1. Bicycles are not allowed in the library.
- 2. Other sports equipment (skateboards, inline skates, etc.) must not be used inside the library.

H. Theft / Damage to property

- 1. Stealing, damaging, or vandalizing library property is prohibited by law.
- 2. Cutting or removing pages or articles from books or magazines and writing in/on Library materials, equipment, furniture and walls is not allowed.
- 3. Users may not alter library computer/network settings, disconnect library computers, or connect personal computers or devices to any library network unless the network is specifically identified for public use.

I. Children and Vulnerable Patrons

- 1. Children aged six and under must be accompanied by an adult or caregiver.
- 2. Parents or caregivers are responsible for monitoring children's behaviour in the library and using library resources, including using the library's internet workstations and selecting reading materials.
- 3. Any unattended person at the library must be capable of leaving the library by their own means in an emergency or other unexpected event.

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